

REFERENDUM FOR CHARTER CHANGE IS COUNCIL'S VOTE

Alderman Eugene I. Meyer introduced in the common council last evening three resolutions annex legislation that he desired secured at the next session of the General Assembly. One resolution was as follows:

"Resolved: That the mayor be and hereby is instructed to appoint a committee of five citizens to be known as the 'Committee on Legislation,' and it shall be the duty of said committee in conjunction with the mayor and city attorney, to represent the city in the General Assembly, in committee hearings when legislation affecting the city is being considered. Said committee may add other persons to its number, but shall incur no expense except for transportation between Bridgeport and Hartford, and shall report to the common council. And said committee shall be increased to its number, at will, of the senators and representatives from Bridgeport."

Alderman Lavery asked what was the purpose of the committee? Alderman Meyer replied that as there was considerable legislation coming before the General Assembly relative to the changes in the city's charter that it would be quite essential for Bridgeport to have a legislative committee, to inform the legislature directly as to the sentiments of the Board of Aldermen representing the city. He added that New Haven and Hartford had had legislative committees at previous sessions which had performed effective service and that it would be in keeping with the custom of other cities to have Bridgeport so represented. Alderman Mahoney moved against having the committee created, on the ground that the council had a member who was a senator and who he said was fully able to represent the city in all matters. The resolution was referred to the Miscellaneous committee.

Another resolution offered by Alderman Meyer was as follows:

"Resolved: It is the sense of the common council that no amendments shall be made to the charter of the city, unless provision is made for the submission of such amendments to the electors and the mayor, the city attorney, and any committee on legislation that may be raised by the common council, are instructed to urge upon the General Assembly the inclusion of a referendum in any legislation of the described nature adopted by it."

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A third resolution by Alderman Meyer seeks to regulate the expense of constructing bridges used by street railway companies. It reads as follows:

"Resolved: That the city attorney be and hereby is instructed to draft a bill under which any street railway company doing business in this state shall be required to pay a suitable portion of the cost of any new bridge in any city upon which said company shall operate lines, and the said company to pay a suitable proportion of the cost of maintaining and operating bridge, said legislation to cover the construction of the proposed bridge at East Washington avenue. It shall become the duty of the mayor, the city attorney, and the legislative committee of this body that may be raised to urge upon the General Assembly the passage of said bill."

RECOUNT ORDERED IN SOUTH NORWALK CLERKSHIP CONTEST

Judge William H. Williams in the Superior court yesterday afternoon being satisfied that the ballot box containing the ballots cast in the recent election held in South Norwalk was not tampered with, as some witnesses attempted to prove, ordered the opening of the box to effect a recount. The court named Frederick C. Mullins of this city, and Deputy Sheriff Arthur E. Plumb of Trumbull, counters, to make the recount and to report to the court next Friday morning.

The petition for the recount was made by Frank P. Huntington, Democratic candidate, who on the face of the returns was defeated for city clerk by Attorney John J. Cuneo, the Republican candidate. Cuneo received 529 votes to Huntington's 573. The petition for the recount was filed on the ground that 12 ballots were rejected by the moderator, the reason for their rejection not being described in writing on the back of the ballots as required by law. He gave the reasons why six ballots were rejected, but added that was the true intent of the voter to cast his ballot for him, Huntington. Also that the total vote cast for city clerk was 1,102, of the 12 ballots rejected, is 15 less than the full number of votes cast.

Attorney General John H. Light, county clerk, Cuneo, opposed the application, alleging the validity of the proceedings as the ballot box since the day of the election had been in the custody of any city official. Judge Williams took the view of Attorney John J. Walsh, counsel for Huntington, that as the lists were made out to City Clerk Cuneo, the box was in his care.

Weather Indications

(Special from United Press.)

New Haven, Dec. 20.—Forecast: cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Cold. Brisk west to northwest winds. This vicinity is now on the southern edge of a disturbance that is passing out the St. Lawrence valley. It is producing cloudy weather with light snow in the eastern portion of the lake region and New England. Pleasant weather prevails in other sections. Moderate temperatures prevail in the middle of the lake where it is below zero. Conditions favor this vicinity light snow followed by fair and colder weather.

35,000,000 RED CROSS XMAS SEALS SOLD

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 20.—The American Red Cross announced today, that up to last Saturday night, nearly 35,000,000 Red Cross Christmas seals had been sold. The actual number sold is 15,000,000 in excess of that for 1909. The stamps are on sale in every state and territory except Idaho and Montana.

ELDERS AGAINST PLURAL MARRIAGES

Mormon Church Leaders Promised in Cleveland's Time to Give up Practice

(Special from United Press.)

New York, Dec. 20.—That the elders of the Mormon Church positively promised, among themselves, to abandon plural marriages following the intervention of President Cleveland to protect them from persecution, is the statement of Former United States Senator Frank J. Cannon, in the current Everybody's. Twenty-six of the Mormon hierarchy participated in the meeting in President Wilford Woodruff's office and all agreed that there had been a "revelation from God" against the practice. Describing the manner in which Woodruff explained his views to the elders, Cannon writes:

"We have sought to live our religion in this world for the salvation of the living and the dead. We have obeyed the principle of celestial marriage because it came to us from God. The Holy Spirit has revealed to me that the church must relinquish that practice for which the church has been willing to lay down their lives."

Cannon says the elders protested against abandoning their wives and children, but finally agreed that a manifestation from God could not be disregarded. In conclusion Cannon says:

"I knew then and I know now that they were at that moment sincere. And in the degraded after years, when so many of them were guilty of breach of faith, the revelation of trust, I tried never to forget that they had sacrificed themselves for their people."

RECITAL ON NEW ORGAN AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Beauties of New Instrument to be Demonstrated on Dec. 30 by New Haven Man

The handsome new organ at St. Paul's church has been installed and will be used at the Christmas services. The first recital of the organ will take place on Friday, Dec. 30, at 8 p. m. The beauties of the new instrument will be demonstrated by Prof. Collins of St. Thomas church, New Haven, an organist of exceptional artistic ability.

The new organ is the work of Hall of New Haven, and while it is not the largest in the city, it is of splendid design and has a full, rich volume, and great range of tonal color.

ARMED RESISTANCE TO HOME RULE BY ULSTER MEN

(Special from United Press.)

London, Dec. 20.—The return of the Liberals to power, with an impaired majority, in the next parliament, has brought to a crisis the opposition to home rule of the Ulster men, according to today's despatches from Ireland.

The "defense fund" of \$50,000 mentioned in the United Press cables, two weeks ago, is being rapidly subscribed and bids are already being asked for in Germany on 20,000,000 marks and 1,000,000 pounds of ammunition. Even the most pacific of the Ulster men, including Protestant clergy, note, agree that armed resistance will be made if parliament yields to the Redmond demand for home rule. Unionists are making the point that the Ulster men are not there is no doubt that it will have a tremendous influence in the next parliament in modifying the home rule resolution that it is planned to adopt.

FATAL FALL OF AVIATOR

(Special from United Press.)

Chartres, Dec. 20.—While Aviator Poiné was attempting the series of flights required by the Aero Club of France, the aviator's machine fell. He was fatally injured and his aeroplane completely wrecked.

E. H. Dillon & Co., 1105 Main street are offering exceptional values in useful and desirable Christmas gifts priced at least one-third less than elsewhere.

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Sun rises tomorrow 7:16 a. m.
Sun sets today 4:28 p. m.
High water 1:48 a. m.
Low water 7:42 a. m.
Moon rises 9:17 p. m.

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Thinks if Conditions Continue This State Will Give Her Vote to Him

WILSON ALSO A LEADER

Does Not Predict Nomination, However—What Washington Says of Our Governor-Elect.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Judge Simeon E. Baldwin, Governor-elect of Connecticut, in an interview here pointed out Governor Harmon of Ohio and Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, as the leading figures in the Democratic party today. He said:

"The significance of the Democratic victory in Connecticut? Well, the people were tired of the Republican tariff policy. They wanted a change, and while, perhaps, the Democratic nominees attracted a great many voters, the preponderant influence was from the general dissatisfaction with the old regime. I believe the Democratic party has a fine opportunity in Connecticut to remain on the table until the next meeting, inasmuch as the Board of Appraisal sent a communication to the council last night regarding that its report be sent back to it for correction. Alderman Lavery said that the adoption of the Board of Appraisal's recommendations as found in their communication, entered into the question deeply, and he moved that the matter of voting on the mayor's messages go over for one meeting."

The communication from the Board of Appraisal was as follows:

The Honorable Common Council of the City of Bridgeport, Gentlemen: The Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages would respectfully report to your honorable body that in making the assessment of benefits and damages on the widening of Congress street we assessed damages of \$20,000 to Mrs. Abbie McCarthy on the assumption that the city could by condemnation take her entire property and then deed the portion not required for highway purposes to the adjoining land owners on the north, namely, Berger and Connors. We assessed benefits over and above damages to Berger and Connors amounting to \$4,700 on the supposition that the city would be able to deed a strip of the McCarthy property to Berger and Connors and thus place them on the corner of Congress and Main streets. Inasmuch as this cannot be legally done, we assessed benefits to Berger and Connors of \$4,700 benefits to Berger and Connors is too large unless the city can place on the corner a strip of land not less than 20 feet wide. We do not think that this error ought to go uncorrected because it means a substantial loss to the city. We would therefore recommend that such steps be taken as may be legally necessary to return our report of assessments of benefits and damages to our board. We feel that we feel that you will recognize the necessity of taking appropriate action in the premises.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of December, 1910.

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On motion of Alderman King it was voted that the request of the board be granted, the report accepted, and the matter be referred back to the Appraisal board for further consideration and correction. The motion was seconded by Alderman Primrose.

Alderman Clappett then moved that the resolution relative to the same matter, offered by him at the last meeting, be taken from the table. The resolution follows: "Resolved: That the action of the Common Council in confirming the report of the Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages on the widening of Congress street adopted Oct. 17, 1910, be and the same is hereby rescinded. The Board of Appraisal be and is recommended to make a new report for further action." This motion prevailed.

ROOSEVELT EXPENSES

Little Chance For Rainey Resolution at This Session of Congress

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 20.—That there is little chance for the adoption of the Rainey resolution, directing an investigation into the travelling expenses of Theodore Roosevelt, while President, at this session of Congress, was the consensus of opinion of interested members of the House, today.

Rainey announced his intention of moving to discharge the committee on rules from consideration of the resolution at the end of the 10 days allowed for its consideration. At that time he will make a speech outlining what he believes to be the need for the proposed investigation and the interest until they hear what Rainey may have to say. The resolution is directed particularly at Roosevelt's dealings with the Pennsylvania Railroad, which does a great part of the White House transportation business. Charges have been made that the Pennsylvania has not yet been paid for some expensive "special train" traveling of the now contributing editor.

ANNEXATION OF STRATFORD TO BE DISCUSSED

Tomorrow evening the Board of Trade will meet in its rooms at the Newfield building, Main and Golden Hill streets, and there will be the question of the proposed annexation of a portion of the western end of the township of Stratford.

Any citizen of the town of Stratford who desires will be given a chance to express his views, either in favor of or in opposition to the proposed annexation. Nothing is to be done on the question, beyond affording a liberal opportunity for the expression of views on this subject.

A number of Stratford landowners and taxpayers have indicated to the board their desire to express their views on this subject.

Part of the business of the meeting will be the report on the nomination of officers and committees of the Board of Trade for the year 1911.

YOUNG MATRON EXPIRES SUDDENLY IN CONVULSIONS

Mrs. Mary Kollar, operative in the Birdseye Somers Co., died suddenly at her boarding house, 42 Reilly street, at 7:59 last evening, within an hour after she was stricken with convulsions. Mrs. Kollar returned from work at 6 p. m. and was taking her place at the sewing machine when she complained of feeling ill, and suffering from a headache. She absented herself from the room, then swooned. Dr. H. W. Hernan, the family physician, was summoned, and Dr. Krause, responding to an ambulance call, arrived about the same time, just as the young matron expired. Mrs. Kollar had been in apparently the best of health until last night, and her death was a shock to the neighborhood.

She was 32 years of age, a widow, with one daughter, aged 14, surviving. She was a member of St. Michael's Greek Catholic church in Arctic street, from which the funeral will be held tomorrow.

APPRAISAL ON CONGRESS ST. IS SENT BACK

Action of Board Caused Benefits to be Assessed Too High and Damages Too Low in Certain Cases—Correction Will be Made

The Congress street widening project, which has occupied the attention of the Common Council a large part of the time during the past year, was again deferred last night when the board adopted a resolution offered by Alderman Henry Clappett rescinding a previous action of the board in confirming the report of the Board of Appraisal of Benefits and Damages on the widening of the street on the north side.

Action on the mayor's two vetoes relative to the widening project was not taken, and on motion of Alderman Hugh J. Lavery they were allowed to remain on the table until the next meeting, inasmuch as the Board of Appraisal sent a communication to the council last night regarding that its report be sent back to it for correction. Alderman Lavery said that the adoption of the Board of Appraisal's recommendations as found in their communication, entered into the question deeply, and he moved that the matter of voting on the mayor's messages go over for one meeting."

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BADGER GANG OBTAIN RAIL

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 20.—Ball was furnished today, for Mrs. Florence Bennett Knott, the badger girl; her husband, J. Bailey Knott, his brother, E. Bailey Knott, and an A. Armstrong, the knight accused of blackmailing Harry Rosenthal. When arraigned before Judge Mallowsky, they entered pleas of not guilty, and were held for the Grand Jury.

Mrs. Knott, her husband, and his brother, E. Bailey Knott, of \$2,000, but Armstrong was required to give \$3,000. A surety company furnished the bonds.

Campbell Carrington, the girl's attorney, gave notice that he will ask the release of Mrs. Knott on her personal bond, because of the law which presupposes an act of any married woman in the presence of her husband to be due to the husband's influence and coercion.

The defense of the three men will probably be based on a contention that they instigated the robbery in the Cairo to be used for experimental purposes and not as to devise to obstruct justice, as charged by the government. The girl's relatives, in Michigan, have promised to aid her so far as their means will permit.

GAVE HIS LAST COPPER TO HELP BUILD CHURCH.

One of the men at the Christian Union Rescue Mission gave his last and only copper, and a bent one at that, to the fund for rebuilding the Newfield Methodist church. There are some mighty grateful men among the converts down there. Men who are thankful to the Christian churches and people of Bridgeport for establishing and supporting such a life-saving station as this mission is proving to be.

At last Sunday afternoon's service they wanted to chip in to help the Newfield church people in their hour of need. When the envelopes were collected it was found that nineteen had given something. One was sent to him his old purse upside down and put in the only penny it contained: three others could give only five cents each; another gave seven cents; three gave ten cents each, and others in larger amounts, until the total ran up to \$6.78, a total of which they can justly feel proud.

Not long ago the men heard of sickness and suffering in the home of a family, members of which had attended the mission services. Of their scanty means the men contributed about \$12 and sent it over by one of their number.

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39c Undressed Dolls, large bisque heads, movable eyes, and Dressed Dolls, movable heads and arms, fully dressed with shoes, stockings and hat to match 22c

SEALSHIPT VS. BIG OYSTER MONOPOLY

Massachusetts and Smith Companies Added to Stratford Concern Sale.

DENY COMBINATION TO ELEVATE THE PRICES.

Transfers to Big System in Six Months Cost Approximately \$1,000,000.

Following the purchase of the Stratford Oyster Co., which was owned by a stock company of Stratford residents for something like a half million dollars, the Sealship Oyster System has acquired, for about \$200,000 each, the Massachusetts Oyster Company and the Frank W. Smith Company at Warren, R. I., and L. J. Brooks, a gigantic plan for cornering all the desirable oyster grounds in this part of the country seems to be almost consummated.

Frederick S. Beardsley of Stratford is treasurer of the Sealship System. He was secretary and manager of the Stratford Oyster Company which has an office at 40 California street, Bridgeport.

Attorney Arden L. Judd was treasurer of the company and John C. Wilcoxson was president.

Among the larger owners of shares in the stock company which went over to the Sealship System were the officers and Stiles Judson, C. S. Smith, S. Beardsley, the Ezra Whiting family and Mrs. H. J. Levins.

The Stratford Oyster Company is now the Stratford Oyster Farm division of the Sealship System. The system has many divisions, located at Providence, Blue Point, Long Island bay and other places.

The Stratford Oyster Company beds were considered among the finest in the world, off Stratford, South Bay, Greenport, Long Island, and Providence. The following is from the Providence Bulletin:

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